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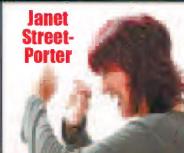


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# SHOT IN COLD BLOOD

Aid angel Margaret executed

KIDNAPPED British aid worker Margaret Hassan has been shot dead by her evil Iraqi captors.  
Her devastated family have been shown a horrific video of her final moments.  
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Nancy  
gets  
steamy

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## Amelie: new clues

**FOUR** witnesses who may have seen Amelie Delagrange's killer minutes before she was battered to death have been captured on CCTV, police chiefs revealed yesterday. Two of Scotland Yard's most senior murder squad detectives appealed for the woman and three men to come forward. They were travelling on buses around the time French waitress

Amelie, 22, inset right, was murdered on Twickenham Green in south west London, three months ago. Detective Chief Superintendent Andy Murphy said: "Today we are releasing CCTV footage of four people who were in the area. "We are appealing to those people, if they recognise themselves, to contact us."



Picture: PA

# SHOCK AS ASYLUM CLAIMS JUMP 13% ... and fewer kicked out

DAVID Blunkett's tough pledge to get a grip on asylum chaos was shattered yesterday.

Shock Home Office figures revealed claims for asylum rose by a whopping 13% in three months.

But the number of failed migrants kicked out of the country fell by 15% over the same period.

In all, there were 10,385 new asylum seekers in Britain over the last three months.

### Pledges

Just 3,085 failed asylum seekers – excluding dependents – were kicked out between July and September.

That was 2% down on the previous three months and 15% less on the same period last year.

The figures were a huge embarrassment to the Home Secretary after pledges to slash the number of asylum claims.

They were published as our

**by MACER HALL**  
Political Editor

telephone poll showed that an overwhelming 92% of Daily Star readers want him to quit as Home Secretary.

And yesterday documents showed even Tony Blair is losing patience with the system.

Court documents yesterday revealed that the Prime Minister personally intervened in an attempt to deport asylum seekers to Egypt.

When told how slowly the deportations were taking, Blair hit back: "This is crazy. Why can't we press on?"

The Home Office claimed the sudden surge in asylum claims was due to "seasonal variations".

But Sir Andrew Green, of the Migrationwatch campaign group, said: "This is bad news for the Government.

"It is increasingly clear that the Government's present



QUIT CALLS: David Blunkett

policies cannot reduce asylum claims to acceptable levels."

Shadow Home Secretary David Davis blasted: "This shows the Government's asylum policy is still a shambles."

The Home Office said asylum claims had still been cut by two thirds over the last year.



CHOICE: Rice with Bush

## Bookies: Con is on for Pres

RIGHT-WINGER Condoleezza Rice became the most powerful woman in the world after George Bush named her the new US Secretary of State.

Bookies last night made her third favourite to be the next President.

Ms Rice, 50, will take over from Colin Powell, who announced on Monday that he is stepping down.

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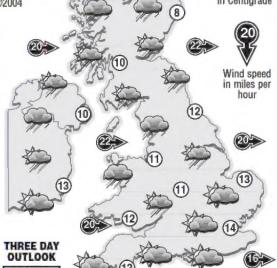
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## INFO STATION

**TODAY:** Plenty of cloud across Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales with a few showers or a longer spell of rain. A few brighter spells across England with a few showers, especially over northern areas.

**OUTLOOK:** Rather cloudy and windy at times with outbreaks of rain across Northern Ireland and Wales. Some patchy light rain or drizzle will fall over Scotland and England.

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## THREE DAY OUTLOOK

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Monday Showers			
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Saturday Showers			

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**2 4 5 19 24 25 26**

No ticket matched all seven balls to win £30,000

## SATURDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 13

**4 10 12 13 14 21**

Four won £2.1million each on Lotto. No winner of £3.3m Extra jackpot

EXTRA: 3, 9, 22, 25, 27, 32 T'Ball 7, 12, 18, 25, 28 (T'b 3)

## WEDNESDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 10

**13 27 37 40 43 49 1**

No ticket won the £3.4m lottery jackpot

EXTRA: 3, 5, 33, 35, 39, 47 T'Ball 1, 5, 6, 14, 16 (T'b 12)

No £2.8m Extra jackpot winner, 1 T'Ball £250,000 winner

## EURO LOTTO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4, 11, 12, 13, 32 Lucky Star Numbers 3, 9

No ticket won the £17.3m jackpot

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# ABI DOES BARBIE

**TOY GIRL:** Abi looks sin-sational in her 2005 calendar – and the doll version will be almost as hot as the real thing

## She brings out own doll ...with whip and susses



WE'VE always reckoned sexy Abi Titmuss is a bit of a doll – and now she's proving it by bringing out her own Barbie-style toy in time for Christmas.

The doll, modelled on the telly teaser, even comes with a kinky nurse's outfit, suspenders and a whip.

It'll be almost as spicy as the real thing – pictured here in hot shots from her 2005 calendar.

And the doll's Swedish makers insist it will be the perfect stocking filler for former nurse Abi's army of loyal fans.

A source said: "The dolls are extremely realistic and the uniform and accessories really add to the look."

"They are a bit naughtier than Barbie or Sindy, but we are sure Abi's fans will love being able to take home their own version of her."

Hell's Kitchen babe Abi, 28, is already scoring a festive hit with her calendar.

And we're in for an even hotter New Year

**EXCLUSIVE** by LEIGH PURVES

when she releases her own fitness video called *Tone & Tease*.

Abi, a presenter on television: X The Fantasy Channel, reckons her workout is perfect to tone up for those steamy bedroom romps.

She said: "It not only helps both sexes to build up stamina and flexibility, but it's a bit like sex and fun rolled into one. It's certainly a scorcher, with loads of raunchy moves."

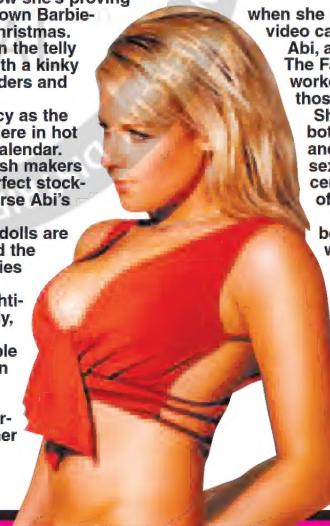
"Some of the exercises will be very useful, if you know what I mean!"

Abi has also been offered recording contracts to launch a singing career.

She said: "It's been amazing. I've had offers from EMI, who look after Robbie Williams, and from three other labels.

"But at the moment I am still mulling the ideas over. I'm just so busy with different projects."

● *Tone & Tease* is on sale from December 27.







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BRIAN HARVEY10-1  
SOPHIE ANDERTON16-1  
PAUL BURRELL8-1  
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## Happy Will's dawn chorus

**hot  
LUCKILY,  
IT'S STILL  
A GREAT  
SONG...**

by JOE MOTT

IT'S only been on the radio for a couple of hours, but already half the office is humming 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' while they work.

That's why everyone's going to buy it and that's why it'll go to No. 1, because it's a great song. Not, I'm afraid, because we all care about the starving in the Sudan.

I applaud anything that raises awareness and money for charity, so hats off to every one of the singers who turned up to do their bit.

But let's face it, this version isn't a patch on the original.

Where's the feeling? Where's the urgency? Where were stadium-fillers like Elton,

Madonna, Beyoncé and Eminem?

In 1984, big stars turned up desperate to make a difference having just learned about the famine in Ethiopia and you could hear it in their voices.

This time, it was recorded on a cosy Sunday afternoon with tea all around, Justin Hawkins cracking jokes and a host of young stars who've grown up accepting that millions are

starving the world over.

That's why the over-produced, slice of warm, fluffy pop lacks the rawness of the original.

Thank heavens the tune's good enough to sell it. It is for a good cause, after all.



# BLAND AID



**BOB Geldof's latest charity supergroup has been cruelly labelled Bland Aid by the critics.**

Music experts have accused Band Aid 20 of being dreary and lacking emotion.

It's 20 years since a group was chosen to record the first recording version of Do They Know It's Christmas?

Back then fierce rivalries between bands such as Duran Duran and Spandau Ballet were put aside as they sang their hearts out.

Here's a comparison of the two songs made by Heart FM and Daily Star columnist Jono Coleman.

The Band Aid 20 singers are first, with

■ by MARK JEFFERIES

the original singers from 1984 in brackets...

**Opening line** Chris Martin (Paul Young): It's Christmastime, there's no need to be afraid.

At Christmastime, we let in light and we banish the shade.

**Chris ten off ten**, Paul.9.

Jono said: "I like the new intro."

**Dido** (Boy George). And In Our

World of plenty we can spread a smile of joy.

Throw your arms around the world at Christmastime.

**Dido ten, Boy George ten.**

Jono said: "Both are fantastic."

**Robbie Williams** (George Michael): But say a prayer, Pray for

the other ones.

At Christmastime it's hard, but when you're having fun.

**Robbie nine, George ten.**

Jono said: "You still remember

George singing it."

**Sugababes** (Simon Le Bon): There's a world outside your window. And it's a world of dread and fear.

**Sugababes eight, Le Bon ten.**

Jono said: "We just start talking about the original."

**Fran Healy** with Sugababes and Justin Hawkins (Sting and Bono): Where the only water flowing is the bitter sting of tears. And the Christmas bells that ring there are the clangy chimes of doom.

**Fran and co eight, Sting and Bono ten.**

Jono said: "Who's singing what?"

**Bono** (Bono). Well tonight thank God it's them instead of you.

**Bono nine, original Bono ten.**

Jono said: "It's just not quite as good as the original."

**Overall:** Band Aid 20 get nine out of ten, original Band Aid ten.

Band Aid 20 has sparked a flurry of interest in the original £1.35p version of the single, which is selling for £16 on eBay.

THE war of words between Bono and Justin Hawkins escalated yesterday.

The U2 frontman said that if the Darkness star wanted the top line in the song "he can have it".

Both singers recorded the line "Well tonight thank God it's them instead of you".

Bono made it on to the final version, even though Justin, 27, bragged his was better.

Meanwhile, industry moguls last night branded the new effort "celebrity karaoke".

Westlife manager Louis Walsh slagged off Justin.

And music writer

■ by JAMES WICKHAM

Malcolm Mackenzie waded in with an attack on the track.

Walsh said that the battle between Bono and Hawkins was "ridiculous".

He said: "You cannot compare Justin and Bono. One's a rock star, the other's a pretender, a karaoke singer."

Mackenzie, from Top Of The Pops magazine, was unimpressed with the track.

"It sounds a bit like celebrity karaoke," he said.

"It is less uplifting than the last one and more a plea to feed the world."

## Punters give disc the thumbs down

■ by JAMES WICKHAM

talentless nobodies like Rachel Stevens."

Fellow Liverpool Uni student Chetan Vala, 18, said the slow tempo turned a party classic into an insomnia cure.

He asked: "Why did they use the most depressing voices like Chris Martin and Dido right at the start? They just send you to sleep." In

London, bank manager David Haigh, right, said: "It's just too depressing. The old one is a classic."

And chef and DJ Steven Banks, from Bristol, said: "I hear better singing in pubs."

Care worker Melisa Smith, 23, from Liverpool, thought: "It would have been a better idea to try to re-unite the originals. The Dizzee Rascal rap is garbage."

won't buy it." There were a handful of people who said they liked the new song.

Postie Rob Butterworth, 28, from Liverpool said: "It's brilliant. They've got the cream of young British talent in there."

While PR girl Steph Potter, 18, from Bristol, pictured far left, is a sucker for Christmas songs.

"Festive tunes always give me a tingle, so I think it's great," she said.



MUSIC-lovers across Britain gave the new Band Aid single a big thumbs down yesterday.

Most who heard the new version called it "depressing" – and said it was a far cry from the original.

Architecture student Mark Hall, 20, cringed before turning it off.

He said: "Instead of legends like George Michael and David Bowie, we've got



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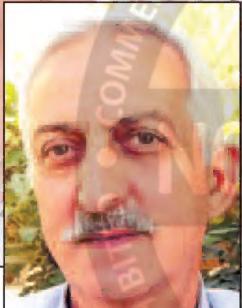
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# Family's agony over angel Margaret's murder

# OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN



**EXECUTED:** Tragic Margaret Hassan and, inset, her husband Tahseen



**THE family of British aid angel Margaret Hassan last night told of their devastation after learning she had been executed by her evil Iraqi captors.**

They said: "Our hearts are broken. To commit such a crime is unforgivable."

Margaret, 59, had been held hostage for nearly a month after being seized by militants.

Yesterday, a video showing her final moments was released by her captors and played to her family.

It is believed to show her being shot with a single bullet. Senior US and British investigators later found a woman's body in the former rebel stronghold of Fallujah.

Mrs Hassan, an Irish-born British national married to an Iraqi, had lived in the country for years.

#### Prayers

Last night, her distraught brothers and sisters – Michael, Deirdre, Geraldine and Kathryn Fitzsimons – said in a statement: "Our hearts are broken. Our prayers and thoughts are with our dear brother-in-law, Tahseen."

"Margaret was a friend of the Arab world. For the past 30 years, Margaret worked tirelessly for the Iraqi people."

"She dedicated her whole life to working for the poor and vulnerable. Those who are guilty of this atrocious act, and those who support them, have no excuses. Margaret was against the war."

"To commit such a crime against anyone is unforgivable. But we cannot believe how anybody could do this to our kind, compassionate sister. The gap she leaves will never be filled."

Her husband Tahseen said: "I beg those people who took Margaret to tell me what they have done with her I need her back to rest in peace."

Troops were still investigating whether the body found in Fallujah is that of Margaret. The aid worker was seized by militant gunmen as she drove to work.

**■ by STEPHEN RIGLEY**  
in Baghdad on October 19. Within hours, a video was released showing the Care International chief pleading for her life.

The organisation said last night: "She was an extraordinary woman. The whole of Care is in mourning."

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said: "It is repugnant to commit such a crime against a woman who spent most of her life working for the good of the people of Iraq."

Margaret is the second British hostage to be killed in Iraq. Liverpool-born engineer Ken Bigley, 62, was beheaded last month.



**TORMENT:** Margaret makes video plea



**INCENSED:** Mr Bush

# Bush's fury at 'crime'

**■ by STEPHEN RIGLEY**  
**GEORGE BUSH** was furious last night as the world condemned US Marines for a new war crimes scandal.

Aides said the US President was "incensed" by claims that already wounded Iraqis had been shot – and one killed.

An inquiry will focus on "law of war violations" in fighting to subdue the rebel city of Fallujah.

#### Abuse

The alleged atrocity, captured by a US cameraman, follows the prisoner abuse scandal at Abu Ghraib jail.

Meanwhile, a bomb planted near Fallujah has killed former Princess Diana bodyguard Shaun Husbard, 32, from Aberdeen, who was working for a security firm.



# BUGGED UB?

## DAILY STAR SAYS

**MUSLIM fanatics in Iraq have sunk to new depths of evil and depravity.**

Their cold-blooded murder of poor Margaret Hassan defies belief.

This was a defenceless, middle-aged woman who had devoted her life to the Iraqi people.

She had lived in that troubled country for 30 years and worked for a humanitarian charity.

*It is impossible to imagine why anyone would want to kidnap, imprison and butcher such a good woman.*

Margaret's brother and three sisters issued a moving statement last night.

"Margaret had only goodwill towards everyone," they said.

"Those who are guilty of this atrocious act, and those who support them, have no excuses."

*And when they're caught, there can be no mercy.*



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# Farewell to hero Scott

**■ by TONY LEONARD**

MORE than 500 mourners gathered in the rain yesterday to pay their last respects to one of the first British soldiers killed by a suicide bomber in Iraq.

Black Watch Private Scott McArdle, 22, from Glenrothes, Fife, died with two comrades and an Iraqi translator on November 4.

They were the first combat casualties to be suffered by the historic regiment following its deployment to Iraq.

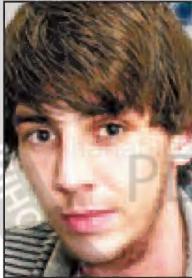
Father Jock Dalrymple told the congregation at Glenrothes' St Paul's Roman Catholic Church of the McArdle family's "nightmare" and the shock of the whole community.



**TRAGIC:** Pals carry the coffin of Scott, inset



# Toothache teen in a fight for life



SNUBBED: Peter Owen

A TEENAGER with toothache ended up fighting for his life after being turned away by a string of dentists.

Peter Owen, 19, was placed on a life support machine after an abscess stopped him breathing.

**Ordeal**

He had earlier been turned away from six hospitals and dental surgeries.

Last night his mother Wynne, 47, demanded an investigation.

Peter, from Old Colwyn, north Wales, spent 48

hours on a life support machine and another week in hospital.

His ordeal started when he tried to get an appointment for a broken tooth.

Wynne said last night: "What happened to my Peter is absolutely shocking."

"The NHS are supposed to provide dentists – but we were told they weren't available."

"How are unemployed youngsters like Peter supposed to afford private treatment?"

Picture: HUMPHREY NEMAR



WANTED: Leader Megaman pictured with So Solid pal Lisa Maffia

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# MURDER HUNT FOR RAP STAR

**SO SOLID** Crew's leader Megaman is wanted by police investigating a gangland-style murder.

Band members last night urged the rapper – real name Dwayne Vincent – to give himself up to officers probing the shooting of a 24-year-old man.

As detectives stepped up a nationwide manhunt for missing Megaman, his pals told him: "Let them know where you are."

Police believe victim Colin Scarlett may have been gunned down in cold blood in a feud between rival bands.

They have been unable to trace Vincent, 23, since Scarlett was blasted in Tooting, south London, on November 6.

Vincent's details have been circulated to police forces around the country. Ports and airports have been alerted amid fears he could try to head abroad.

A 23-year-old man with links to So Solid Crew has been arrested in connection with the murder after walking into a south London police station. Victim Scarlett

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

is believed to have been unconnected with the music industry.

He was found with several bullet wounds and later died in hospital.

Megaman's agent Albert Samuels said: "I don't know where he is. I have not spoken to him for about three months."

He said of the news that police are on the lookout for his client: "It is all completely new to me."

So Solid Crew, who have about 30 members, have been dogged by controversy since rising to fame with their No.1 hit 21 Seconds three years ago.

**Accused**

Several have had brushes with the law and there have been shootings outside their concerts.

Ashley Walters, 22 – known as Asher D – was sent to a young offenders' institution for 18 months in 2002 for having a loaded gun.

Two men were shot outside a So Solid Crew show in London in 2001.

But Vincent helped to launch a Government anti-gang drive last year.



VICTIM: Colin Scarlett

# FAG RIGHT OFF

## Drive to save the health of UK's fat, boozy, smokers

■ by TONY LEONARD

**A MASSIVE** drive to improve the nation's health was launched yesterday - with crackdowns on fags, booze, junk food and being a slob.

The measures include outlawing smoking in virtually all workplaces, pubs, bars and restaurants within four years.

Health Secretary John Reid promised to let people make "informed choices" about their lives.

But the Tories accused ministers of promoting "gimmicks and the nanny state". Other critics slammed the plans as inadequate.

### Damage

Dr Reid - an ex 60-a-day smoker - unveiled the public health White Paper, outlining Government policy for years ahead.

It will come into force in England, with similar measures likely in Wales.

He said: "We will ensure that people will be able to go to their workplace, choose to go out for a meal or a drink without the damage, inconvenience, or pollution from second-hand smoke."

Smoking will be banned from all workplaces by the end of 2007.

A year later, it will be outlawed in all pubs serving food.

Private members clubs and pubs without food will still allow smoking.

Other measures including new labelling on junk food and booze and projects to promote fitness among kids and fatties.

Mr Reid called his smoking compromise ban a "sensible solution".

But British Medical Association chairman James Johnson said: "It makes no sense to allow smoking in some pubs."

### Threats

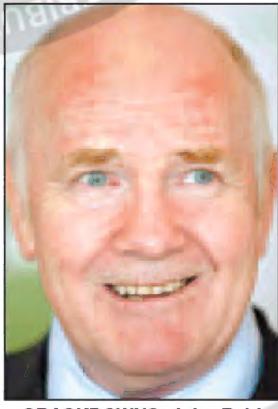
"What about the health and lives of employees who work in them?"

"What concerns me is that by not introducing a complete ban, some pubs may find loopholes in the law to allow smoking."

Shadow Health Secretary Andrew Lansley said: "After seven years of a lack of priority for public health, all the Government can offer is gimmicks and a nanny state."

Lib Dem health spokesman Paul Burstow said that the Government lacked "courage" to take action against health threats.

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CRACKDOWNS: John Reid



SINNER GARY: Lineker's crisp ads are off the menu

## FAGS

**WHAT'S WRONG:** Around 1,600 people die every week from smoking-related diseases.

**WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO:** Lighting up will be banned in virtually every pub, bar, restaurant and workplace within four years.

Only pubs that don't serve food and some private members' clubs will allow smoking. There will be more curbs on tobacco advertising and possibly gruesome picture warnings on ciggie packets.

But ministers haven't decided yet what the penalties will be for smokers who flout the law.

## SEX

**WHAT'S WRONG:** Teenage pregnancy and sexual infections are becoming a "crisis".

**WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO:** A nationwide ad blitz warning of unplanned pregnancies and sexually-transmitted diseases. Chlamydia screening across England by 2007.

## KEEP FIT

**WHAT'S WRONG:** Brits are taking less exercise than ever before.

**WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO:** Everyone in England will be offered free NHS trainers to advise on exercise and healthy eating. Dr Reid added: "The trainers won't be going running with you. They're not lifestyle gurus." And a new free service called Health Direct will give advice by phone, internet or on TV.

## KIDS

**WHAT'S WRONG:** Childhood obesity is becoming an epidemic.

**WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO:** Healthier meals, free fruit and more sport in schools. Children will be encouraged to cycle to school.

## OBESITY

**WHAT'S WRONG:** Obesity kills more than 30,000 people in the UK a year.

**WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO:** A new task force will study the spiralling obesity epidemic. Broadcast watchdog Ofcom will probe junk food adverts aimed at kids.

## BOOZE

**WHAT'S WRONG:** Britain has the worst binge drinking problem in Europe.

**WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO:** Ministers will work with the drinks industry to cut down on binge boozing.

Drinks manufacturers will be encouraged to put warning labels on products to promote sensible drinking. Tougher rules on advertising booze.



TOO MACHO: Blair  
Blair's babes hit out

TONY Blair is facing criticism from his own party for being too macho.

Female Labour MPs, nicknamed "Blair's babes", have begged the leader to tone down his aggressive style of politics to woo women back to the party.

They reckon female voters are put off by macho phrases such as "crackdown" and are urging Blair to take a softer approach.

### Keen

One MP said: "Many women are turned off when politicians talk about cracking down on problems."

"Sometimes politicians are so keen to turn an announcement into a headline that they enhance the negative aspects rather than the positive messages to families and women."

## COXY COMEBACK

SARA Cox, 29, is returning to Radio 1 five months after giving birth to baby Lola Anne. She'll host a Saturday and Sunday show.

## DEAR Esther



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# Ballroom BLITZED



STEPPING OUT: Anton treats his date to a twirl on the red carpet

## TV dancers' boozy bash

■ by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

TELLY'S dancing stars looked strictly blitzed after a boozy night out away from the BBC cameras.

Some of the Strictly Come Dancing celebs staggered rather than two-stepped out of a swanky London hotel after their after-show party.

Star dancer Anton Du Beke even took his date for a wobbly twirl on the red carpet - while still holding his drink.

Show co-host Natasha Kaplinsky, 32, was at the bash with her dancing partner from the first series, Brendan Cole, 28. The duo became an item after the show but claimed to have split up six weeks ago.

They were joined at the posh 57 Pont Street Hotel in Knightsbridge by EastEnders actress and fans' favourite Jill Halfpenny, 29, and Countdown's Carol Vorderman, 43, who has already been voted off the Saturday night show.

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LOSER: TV's Carol



POLITICS: Louis

## Walsh pop at Cowell

■ by NADINE LINGE  
X FACTOR judge Louis Walsh says he's backing Tabby to win the show - even though his pop-opera group G4 are in the final five.

And Louis, 50, has vowed that if the band are voted off on Saturday, he'll side with fellow judge Sharon Osbourne against Simon Cowell. Irishman Louis said: "I think Tabby's going to win - he's talented and he's Irish."

"I'll be happy if G4 make it to the final three. But if they are voted out, I will play politics with Sharon against Simon Cowell."

"He won't have a chance with both of us ganging up on him."

"He's arrogant and doesn't know anything about music."



SO HORNY: Rowetta

## Satch after a match

■ EXCLUSIVE by MARK JEFFRIES  
FEISTY Rowetta Satchell has admitted she hasn't had sex for months - and is desperate for a night of passion to help her win The X Factor.

The former Happy Mondays backing singer is so frustrated ahead of Saturday night's show that she's worried it may affect her performance.

Now she's hoping to bed G4 singer Michael Christie, 23, after the pair had some secret dates in between rehearsals.

Rowetta, 38, said: "I really fancy him and I hope he will become my boyfriend. I really want a toy boy, or a pretty boy who takes care of his appearance. "I need some romance in my life."

# DON'T SHOOT!

## Pc begged for life as gunman put a bullet in his head

■ by JERRY LAWTON

**A GUNMAN blasted a policeman to death at point-blank range as he begged for his life, a court heard yesterday.**

The killer, David Bieber, first shot Pc Ian Broadhurst in the chest then calmly pointed the gun at his head, it was alleged.

A tape recorder in the officer's car picked up the 34-year-old Pc screaming and begging for mercy.

He pleaded: "Don't shoot. Please, no!"

But while the officer lay helpless on the ground covering his face with his hands, Bieber "deliberately and purposefully" pulled the trigger, the court heard.

### Stolen

As her husband's last words were read out, Pc Broadhurst's widow Elisa became visibly upset and had to be escorted by a female pal from the public gallery at Newcastle Crown Court.

The jury had heard how Bieber, 38, opened fire on Pc Broadhurst and two colleagues as they were about to handcuff him in their police car after arresting him at the wheel of a stolen car in Leeds.

The first bullet shot straight through the bobby's chest, leaving him "seriously injured". Two more



AGONY: Widow Elisa Broadhurst yesterday. Right, Pc Banks



hit his colleague Pc Neil Roper, a 45-year-old father of two, in the back and shoulder as he ran for his life.

A fourth round ricocheted off the radio of fellow officer James Banks, 27, "miraculously" missing him.

As Pcs Roper and Banks dashed for cover, Bieber allegedly climbed out of the patrol car, walked to where Pc Broadhurst lay bleeding on the floor, and shot him in the head.

The muzzle of his 9mm semi-automatic handgun was so close

when the shot was fired it left gunpowder on Pc Broadhurst's hand.

Bieber then fled the scene by seizing a couple's car at gunpoint, the court heard.

The next day he visited a lock-up he rented in Leeds where police later found a huge cache of ammunition, bullet-making equipment and weapons manuals.

During five days on the run, he changed his appearance and withdrew £6,000 from a series of banks across West Yorkshire.

Finally, he made plans to leave the country by buying coach tickets to take him to Paris on January 2.

### Bullets

But on New Year's Eve, he was arrested at a hotel in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, after suspicious staff called police.

He was still carrying the gun and a large amount of ammunition, ready for a shoot-out, the jury heard.

But when armed officers surprised him at 2am he realised he couldn't "shoot his way out" and gave himself up without a struggle.

Bieber allegedly told police: "You wouldn't shoot an unarmed man, would you?"

American-born Bieber – who lived in Britain for several years under the name Nathan Wayne Coleman – denied murder, attempted murder, and possessing a firearm and 220 rounds of ammunition with intent to endanger life.

He admitted possessing 298 bullets. The trial continues.



GUN GUARD: Police on patrol outside the court yesterday



VICTIM: Pc Ian Broadhurst was gunned down at point-blank range

## Suicide of £1.4m fiddlers

A COUPLE who stole £1.4m to fund a horse racing hobby hugged each other on a railway line and waited for a 100mph express train to kill them, an inquest heard.

Henry and Eleanor Yearley planned their suicide, asking a neighbour to look after their budgie and sending jewellery to a vicar to pay for the funeral.

Financial controller Mr Yearley, 62, stole the cash at up to £50,000 a month – from his employer Specialist Cars of Stevenage, Herts, over four years. It was used mostly to fund his 56-year-old wife's racing interests.

Five days before they were due to appear in court for fraud, the couple, of Shillington, Beds, went to nearby Arlesey and stood on the railway line. Verdict: Suicide.

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## WARNING: Smoking ban may seriously damage our wealth

**W**HEN I wrote last Saturday that the smoking ban in Scotland was just a warm-up for a ban in England, I didn't realise I would be proved correct only a couple of days later!

John Reid began the Government's White Paper on health by saying they'd canvassed popular opinion like never before.

Any chance of doing it with regards to us being forced to join the Euro, then?

There were three things being tackled: Smoking, fast food and sexually transmitted diseases. So those days of going out for a kebab, then picking up a whore on the way home and having a post-coital cigarette are over for everyone.

I covered most of the smoking arguments on Saturday, but I would like to add a couple of points. Anti-smokers claim that we shouldn't be that concerned with smokers' rights, because they are a minority of the population.

Well so are geniuses, but I don't want to make life difficult for them.

And how dare the Government claim that they're making all these changes to save the NHS £1.7 billion a year? They could save that much by removing the pointless tiers of management.

In addition, the Government gets £8 billion from tobacco sales and £2 to £3 billion from the VAT on those sales. And if you have those ex-smokers living longer, what are they going to need more of? Pensions. Which will cost the Government more money.

Furthermore, a lot of pension money is invested in tobacco companies because they tend to be a safe options.

Not if the smoking ban comes in they won't be. So people with investment-linked pensions will suffer.

We can't afford to have peo-

ple stopping smoking. So why not have a voluntary situation – pubs can allow smoking if they have well-ventilated non-smoking areas?

Last time I checked, we're not exactly short of pubs. There's a place round the corner from me has a great atmosphere for watching the football. There are times, however, when I enter there and it looks like the aftermath of a gas attack at The Somme. So what do I do? Go round the corner to the next place. It really is that easy.

Now on to the ban on fast food advertising before the 9pm watershed. This is supposed to stop burger chains advertising to kids, which the Government thinks will stop them consuming Big Macs by the bucket.

It might have the opposite effect. It might make a Big Mac almost mythical. A culinary version of Valhalla, with kids not sure whether it existed or not, but if they saw a sign for it they'd feel desperate to investigate.

I mean, they never advertised marijuana on telly when I was a kid (take two spliffs into the shower! I just bong it and go!) and did that stop us wanting to hunt it down and sample it? What do you think?

Alternatively, the fast food companies might try to recoup some of the losses incurred by the drop in sales to kids by using this post-watershed advertising to lure in more adults. They could have naked women in the ads. Burger King could use this as a whole new way to illustrate their Whoppers. And my eyes water at the ideas Wimpey could conjure up to sell their "Bender in a Bun".

I just wish I could comment with more authority on the Government's moves to combat sexually transmitted diseases, but my life isn't nearly that interesting any more.

## Phoney war

**M**OBILE user Ewan Wright was upset this week after receiving a bill from his service provider O2 addressed to Mr I Love It Up The Rectum.

He is shocked and appalled, and feels they

shouldn't get away with pranks like this. I agree and think O2 should send out a replacement bill. Addressed to Mr Lighten Up For Christ's Sake Get A Sense Of Humour You Miserable Git.

■ CLASSIC slice of X Factor on Saturday night, with Louis Walsh reduced to tears at having to choose between Voices With Soul and G4. Poor fella looked like a weeping potato.

## SHE SHOULD B THERE

**E**MMA B has pulled out of I'm A Celebrity because she fears the strain of appearing on it with her boyfriend Brian Harvey might damage their relationship. I have two questions. One: Who

the hell would feel a relationship with that little runt would be worth sharing?

And two: Why the hell didn't the producers get shot of Brian Harvey instead?

## Bloody daft

**A**LLAN MENZIES wanted to become a vampire so he murdered his best mate and drank his blood.

He was put in prison and was killed himself when he was stabbed 42 times. As far as I am aware, none of

these stabbings involved the use of a wooden stake.

Now at the risk of getting Allan tapping on my third-storey bedroom window, might I surmise from these facts that his bid to become the new Dracula has been less than a triumph?

## It's Banned Aid for Dido

**S**OME observations on the Band Aid record. Robbie Williams, Bono (inset) and Dido recorded their sections separately. This is officially because it was the only way their schedules allowed.

Although I like to think in Dido's case it's because all the others said to Bob Geldof: "We'll do the record as long as we don't have to meet Dido. She's shit." And as much as I love her music and respect her talent, I suspect that Joss Stone

will come across as the most horrid little show-off when all this is done.

In spite of the new version being pretty lame (it sounds more like a football chant than a gathering of the greatest musicians in Britain) you should go out and buy it because if you don't apparently you will be responsible for the death of some poor child in Africa. Personally I would rather you bought Electric Six's Radio Ga Ga but that's only because the video has poodles clapping. And there isn't nearly enough of that in the world.

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# BOOZY BEST SWEATING ON LIVER OP

**GEORGE Best** is facing an agonising six-day wait to learn if boozing has wrecked his replacement liver.

The soccer legend was yesterday having hospital tests, just two years after the transplant which saved his life.

Doctors cut away a tiny section of Best's liver to check whether it's been affected by

■ by JOHN MAHONEY

the Irishman's massive drinking benders over the past six months.

The alcoholic outraged doctors when he hit the bottle in the months after his op.

And in February he was banned from driving for 20 months after being drunk at the wheel.

He only stopped boozing after medics looked at blood test results and told him he was "lucky to be alive".

Best was awake for the procedure, during which surgeons cut away a section of his liver after examining it with a tiny camera.

The former Manchester United star, who could be released from London's private Cromwell Hospital today, has been dry for the past 60 days.

But friends fear that if his results are bad he may fall off the wagon again.

A close pal revealed: "Everyone is so proud of George for stopping drinking. I'm just worried that if the op results show there has been damage he will think: 'Sod it, I might as well enjoy what time I've got left' and start boozing again."

"His blood tests results had started to show some improvement after he had stopped drinking."

"But the results should have kept getting better and they didn't – they stayed the same."

## Results

"Before the op George was in high spirits and remained calm. He's got a bit of a wait to go through before the results, which he was worried about."

"We've just all got our fingers crossed."

George's agent Phil Hughes told the Daily Star the tests were routine for transplant patients.

He said: "The op is very painful and we're not sure how long George will have to stay in – it depends how it goes."

"This operation is two years on from his transplant and is standard to make sure things are OK."

"He went in for blood tests last week and was told that it was time they had a look at his liver."

"George wanted to get it done as soon as possible."



**BLONDES** have more fun – but not in the bedroom, it's been revealed.

Two-thirds of men and women prefer dark-haired lovers because they are more caring.

But blondes are said to be the most spontaneous when it comes to sex, according to a poll by Hair Style & Beauty magazine.

Redheads have the highest sex-drive if you like them – but are insensitive if you don't.

Grey-haired lovers are passionate, with baldies the worst lovers of all.

## Air workers in job axe shock

■ by LAURA NEIL

HUNDREDS of airport workers lost their jobs yesterday – just weeks before Christmas.

Administrators were called in by baggage handlers Swissport after it suddenly ceased operations at Heathrow with the loss of 750 jobs.

Unions complained staff only found out when they arrived at the airport and discovered their security

passes had been revoked. One baggage handler said: "To lose your job is bad enough. To lose it six weeks before Christmas when we thought our jobs were safe is a real kick in the teeth."

"But the worse thing for me was being told by a security guard that I had lost my job."

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## Posh Kerry gets pout and about

YESTERDAY we told you how former Big Brother star Jade Goody was morphing into Victoria Beckham.

But today we bring you proof that singer **Kerry McFadden** is also having a bash at impersonating Posh.

Kerry, 24, arrived at Warrington station with a pout that **David's** wife would be proud of.

Which prompts us to issue a piece of advice to the newly renamed top lady Ms Katona - stop it now love, the woman is no role model.

## QUICKIES...QUICKIES...QUICKIES...QUICKIES...QUICKIES...

**GIRLS Aloud** singer Cheryl Tweedy admits she tries to snog her bandmates after a night out.

But Cheryl, 21, right, who dates footballer **Ashley Cole**, 23, regrets it later and says: "I get home and think, 'Was I really doing that in front of the cameraman with Kimberley?'"

**LOOKS** like it will be a while before Ben Affleck, 32, and Jennifer Garner enter the world of co-habitation.

Jen, 32, tried to move a few items into her bloke's home last week - and rather than greet her with a smile, he told her to take the stuff away.

A source said: "Ben's not at all ready for Jen to move in." Charming.

**RICKY Gervais**, 43, has slammed **Rebecca Loos**. The comic said the 26-year-old blonde - who claims she had an affair with **David Beckham**, 29, - reached a new low when she pleased a pig on reality show *The Farm*.

He said: "She's had an affair with a married man and w\*\*ked off a pig. That's one hell of a CV."

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# KING RAT

## Day could be crowned world's No1 love cheat

IT'S official...cheating Darren Day is the biggest love rat in the universe.

Dirty Day, 35, will receive the title from the Guinness World Of Records in time for next year's edition of the book.

He'll get the title after cheating on his pregnant girlfriend, **Suzanne Shaw**, 22 with Swedish actress **Cecilia Carneby**, 26.

The five-times engaged star, who's dated a string of beauties since shooting to fame over ten years ago, will join the likes of the world's tallest man in the edition.

Speaking at the book's 50th anniversary yesterday, editor **Craig Glenday** revealed Darren will be featured.

And he's even asked Day's heartbroken fiancee, ex-**Hear'Say** singer Suzanne, and his other wronged lovers to provide him with the evidence that he needs.

He said: "I will ask Suzanne for pictures and evidence that Darren is a serial cheat.

"He is a great contender for the title so I will investigate it."

"Darren will definitely be up there next year, I just need witness statements from as many people as possible.

"Newspapers and club bouncers will also help me."

Notorious Day was first labelled a cheat when he did the dirty on former Brookside beauty **Anna Friel**, 28, with ex-Corrie star **Tracy Shaw**, 31.

He betrayed her after meeting blonde Tracy while he was touring with the musical *Summer Holiday* in Manchester.

When that was only until he hooked up with poor Suzanne while they starred in *Summer Holiday* together.

Suzanne was last night said to be depressed.

Friend and former bandmate **Kym Marsh**, 28, revealed she'd been trying to call her old pal, but couldn't get through because her mobile is off.

She said: "She is not available to talk, she has completely cut herself off."



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